

Step-by-Step GROOMING THE AFGHAN HOUND

A proper grooming routine keeps the coat healthy, tangle free and in top condition for the show ring. Follow these steps in order and use Summerwinds products and professional toolles.



1 *Brush Before Bathing*

Thoroughly brush the entire coat to remove mats and tangles before getting the dog wet. Use a slicker brush and a long-tooth comb, working in small sections from the skin to the ends.



2 *Clean Ears*

Check ears for dirt and hair. Keep the ear hair clean, dry and free of tangles. Trim excess hair if needed and use a gentle ear cleaner.



3 *Pre-Rinse*

Use lukewarm water to thoroughly wet the coat. Avoid hot water, which can dry the skin and coat.



4 *Shampoo*

Use Summerwinds Shine-Onnn Shampoo, diluted as directed. Work it into a rich lather, gently massaging into the coat. Rinse thoroughly and repeat if needed.



5 *Clarify if Needed*

If the coat is very dirty or has heavy product buildup, use Summerwinds Remove-A-Way Clarifying Shampoo. Rinse completely.



6 *Condition*

Apply Summerwinds Fine-L-Shine Cream Rinse diluted as directed. Work through the coat, let sit for a few minutes, then rinse thoroughly with cool, clean water.



7 *Remove Excess Water*

Use a few towels to gently squeeze out excess water. Do not rub the coat in a circular motion. Be careful not to cause matting.



8 *Dry the Coat*

Use a high velocity dryer on low to medium heat. Dry in the direction of the coat growth while brushing with a slicker brush and comb.



9 *Line Brush*

Work in small sections, lifting the coat and brushing layer by layer down to the skin. Use a slicker brush and long-tooth comb.



10 *Topknot*

Keep the topknot clean and well maintained. Use a soft brush and light products. Keep hair out of the eyes.



11 *Finish and Detail*

Check the entire coat for tangles. Trim excess hair around feet and pads. Shape the topline, ears, and legs. Make sure the coat is clean, dry and flowing smoothly.



12 *Feet and Legs*

Comb out any mats or tangles between the toes using a steel long-tooth comb. Gently work the comb through the coat to remove tangles. Keep the leg coat clean, straight and free of tangles.

